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RAJYA SABHA

Medicine for Asthma

1546. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Scientists have developed world's first medicine which can cure Asthma;

(b) if so, the name of the medicine and its price; and

(c) whether its commercial production has commenced and whether it is available throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) The Indian Institute of Chemical Biology (IICB) Kolkata under the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has developed a Medicine with the trade name "ASMON" for the treatment of Asthma. The retail price of the medicine is Rs. 70/- (Rs. Seventy only) per 200 ml bottle. According to CSIR, the medicine is presently available in and around Kolkata.

CGHS dispensaries running in rented buildings

†1547. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of dispensaries under Central Government Health Scheme running in rented buildings;

(b) the number of dispensaries, out of them, which are running in rented buildings even after land has been allotted for them;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government propose to construct dispensaries on the allotted land?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) 109 CGHS dispensaries are running in rented buildings.

(b) and (c) 15 CGHS dispensaries for which land has been allotted are running in rented buildings due to various reasons like the plot of land has not been handed over to CGHS by the concerned land owning agencies, lack of building drawings and preliminary estimates, sanctions having been issued for construction of buildings but the actual construction has yet to start by the CPWD, etc.

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